

The New Orleans Fire Department is one of the best and most unique fire departments in the nation.

Nearly destroyed by fire twice in her long, colorful history and devastated by major hurricanes, New Orleans has risen from the ashes and ruins each time rebuilding in a splendid manner.

In addition to hosting such spectacular events as Mardi Gras, the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, Super Bowls and the Essence Festival, each drawing hundreds of thousands of guests, New Orleans provides an outstanding venue for hundreds of conventions, trade shows and a plethora of special events year round.

The New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD) is a Class 2 rated fire department serving 299 square miles of Greater New Orleans and about 364,000 residents.

The very uniqueness of New Orleans with its historic architecture and culture poses extra challenges for the firefighters charged with protecting her. These challenges have become more manageable through advanced firefighting technology, which in turn requires in-depth, ongoing training and the best equipment possible.

The New Orleans Fire Department
currently has:

677 firefighters

31 Fire Stations

28 Engines

6 Ladder Trucks

1 Quint

2 Heavy Technical Rescue Squads

1 Light Rescue Squad (Engine)

1 Light Rescue Squad (Ladder Truck)

1- 40 ft. Command Vehicle

10-12 ft. Flat Boats

1-34 ft. BRRNE Fire Boat

Aircraft/Fire Rescue/EMS
Louis Armstrong Int'l Airport

New Orleans Fire Department
317 Decatur Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
Community Relations Divisions
504.658.4713
Nola.gov/nofd

New Orleans Fire Department

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Chief Timothy McConnell

Superintendent of Fire



Office of Recruitment



"Can You Take the Heat"

"Seeking Opportunities to Serve"

Where to apply:

City Hall / Civil Service
1340 Poydras Street
Civil Service application desk
9th floor, Suite 900
Monday - Friday 9:00 am. - 5:00 pm
504-658-3516
Nola.gov/nofd

Professional Firefighter

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to apply, have a valid, current driver's license and have a high school diploma or GED to begin the application process. If you have served in the military, bring your DD214.

Becoming a professional firefighter for the City of New Orleans is an extremely competitive and highly sought after position. The extensive screening process involves eight (8) qualifying steps that you must prepare for and pass before being considered for hire. These steps can take 3-6 months or longer to complete.

Step 1: Application and Documents

Step 2: Written Multiple-Choice Test

Step 3: Physical Agility Test

Step 4: Substance Abuse Screening

Step 5: Conditional Offer of Employment

Step 6: Psychological Evaluation

Step 7: Medical Examination

Step 8: Criminal Background Check

Generally, when you complete one phase successfully, you will be contacted about the next phase of testing.

The Fire Academy is 16 weeks of paid training.

\$41,000.00 after one year.

A career as a professional firefighter in the City of New Orleans is like no other job on the planet. If you think you can "Take the Heat" and have what it takes to serve the citizens of our great city, contact the Civil Service Department .

Firefighters work 24 hours on duty and 48 hours off duty.



Compensation

Firefighter: After the first year the compensation for a Firefighter is approximately **\$41,000 +**. After 2 years a Firefighter can qualify to take the test to become an Operator.

Operator– After 4 yrs. on the job the compensation is approximately **\$48,600 +**. After 6 years a Firefighter with the Fire Technology Certificate can qualify to take the test to become a Captain.

Captain– After 11 years on the job the compensation is approximately **\$60,000 +**. After 4 years a Captain with a Fire Technology Degree can qualify to take the test to become a Chief.

Any member with any EMT Certification will receive an added 5% .

Fire-We respond to all types and sizes of fires all over the city of New Orleans.

Medical– We respond with EMS to a wide range of medical emergencies including trauma, auto accidents, and CPR.

Assist the Public– We respond to many calls including lifting assistance, odor of smoke, electrical concerns, and downed power lines.

Community Outreach– We install smoke detectors in citizen's homes, inspect commercial buildings, and open and inspect all hydrants twice a year.